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We claim:-

1. The use of graft copolymers which comprise at least one monoethylenically unsaturated monomer which is incorporated in the form of polymerized units and comprises at least one nitrogen-containing heterocycle, as an assistant for leather production.
2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the graft copolymers comprise at least two different monomers which are incorporated in the form of polymerized units and in each case comprise at least one nitrogen-containing heterocycle.
3. The use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the graft copolymers comprise at least one monomer B1 and one monomer B2 incorporated in the form of polymerized units.
4. The use according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein at least one graft copolymer is composed of  
  
a polymeric grafting base A which has no monoethylenically unsaturated units, and  
  
polymeric side chains B formed from copolymers of at least one monoethylenically unsaturated monomer selected from B1 and B2 or monomers B1 and B2 and, if required, B3, which in each case comprise at least one nitrogen-containing heterocycle, and optionally further comonomers B3.
5. The use according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the amount of the side chains B on the graft copolymer is greater than 35% by weight.
6. The use according to any of claims 3 to 5, wherein the polymeric grafting base A is a polyether.
7. A process for the production of leather using at least one assistant for leather production comprising at least one graft copolymer which comprises at least two monoethylenically unsaturated monomers incorporated in the form of polymerized units, comprising at least one nitrogen-containing heterocycle.
8. The process according to claim 7, wherein the graft copolymers comprise at least one monomer B1 and at least one monomer B2 incorporated in the form of polymerized units.

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9. A leather produced according to a process claim 7 or 8.